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GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

Public Services - Social Welfare Department - Surprise check conducted by Anti - Corruption Bureau on Government Social Welfare Girls Hostel, Gandepalli (V), Kanchikacherla (M), Krishna District on 23.12.2019 - Certain irregularities noticed - Departmental proceedings initiated against Sri Sangepu Samson, former Assistant Social Welfare Officer, Nandigama Division, Krishna District (now retired) under Rule - 9 of A.P. Revised Pension Rules, 1980 - Articles of Charge - Issued.

SOCIAL WELFARE (VIG.) DEPARTMENT

G.O.RT.No.125 **Dated:04.05.2022**

Read the following:

1. From the DG, ACB Lr.Rc.No.76/DES-VKI/2019-S.9, Dt:08.06.2020.
2. Govt., Memo.No.SW0DSWE(VIGM)/44/2020-1, Dt:26.06.2020.
3. From the DG, ACB letter C.No.76/DES-CKI/2019-S.9, Dt.28.12.2021.
4. G.O.Rt.No.124 S.W. (Vig.) Dept., Dt.04.05.2022.

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O R D E R:

In pursuance of the sanction accorded by the Government under sub-clause (i) of clause (b) of sub-rule (2) of Rule-9 of A.P. Revised Pension Rules, 1980 for instituting departmental proceedings against Sri Sangepu Samson, former Assistant Social Welfare Officer, Nandigama Division, Krishna District (now retired) in G.O. 4th read above, it is proposed to hold an inquiry against the said individual in accordance with the procedure laid down in rule 20 of the Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Classification, Control and Appeal) Rules, 1991.

2. The substance of the imputations of misconduct or misbehavior in respect of which the inquiry is proposed to be held is set out in the enclosed statement of articles of charge (Annexure-I). A statement of imputations of misconduct or misbehavior in support of each article of charge is enclosed (Annexure-II). A list of documents by which, and a list of witnesses by whom, the article of charges are proposed to be sustained are also enclosed (Annexure III and IV).

3. Sri Sangepu Samson, former Assistant Social Welfare Officer, Nandigama Division, Krishna District (now retired) is directed to submit a written statement of his defence within 10 days of the receipt of this order.

4. Sri Sangepu Samson, former Assistant Social Welfare Officer, Nandigama Division, Krishna District (now retired) is informed that an inquiry will be held only in respect of those Articles of charge as are not admitted. He should, therefore, specifically admit or deny each article of charge.

5. Sri Sangepu Samson, Assistant Social Welfare Officer, Nandigama Division, Krishna District (now retired) is further informed that if he does not submit his written statement of defence on or before the date specified in para 3 above or otherwise fails or refuses to comply with the provisions of Rule-20 of Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (CC&A) Rules, 1991 or the orders/directions issued in pursuance of the said rules, the Inquiring Authority may hold the inquiry against him ex-parte.

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6. Further attention of Sri Sangepu Samson, former Assistant Social Welfare Officer, Nandigama Division, Krishna District (now retired) is also invited to Rule 24 of the A.P. Civil Services (Conduct) Rules, 1964, under which no Government servant shall bring or attempt to bring any political or outside influence to bear upon any superior authority to further his interest in respect of matters pertaining to his service under the Government. If any representation is received on his behalf from another person in respect of any matter dealt with these proceedings, it will be presumed that Sri Sangepu Samson, Assistant Social Welfare Officer, Nandigama Division, Krishna District (now retired) is aware of such a representation and that it has been made at his instance and action will be taken against him for violation of Rule-24 of the A.P. Civil Service (Conduct) Rules, 1964.

7. The receipt of the order be acknowledged.

M.M. NAYAK
SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To
Sri Sangepu Samson,
former Assistant Social Welfare Officer,
Nandigama Division, Krishna District (now retired)
(**through** the Director of Social Welfare, Tadepalli,
Guntur District)
The Director of Social Welfare,
Tadepalli, Guntur District.
(with a request to serve the order on the charged officer and return the served copy to Government for record)

Copy to:
The Director General,
Anti-Corruption Bureau,
Vijayawada.
SF/SCs.

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ANNEXURE-I

STATEMENT OF ARTICLES OF CHARGE FRAMED AGAINST SRI SANGEPU SAMSON S/o LAZARUS, FORMER ASSISTANT SOCIAL WELFARE OFFICER, NANDIGAMA DIVISION, KRISHNA DISTRICT (NOW RETIRED).

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That Sri Sangepu Samson worked as Assistant Social Welfare Officer (ASWO), Nandigama Division, Krishna District (herein after referred to as "Government Servant") from 13.04.2017 to 23.12.2019 while working as such he committed grave misconduct in as much as

ARTICLE OF CHARGE: -

That the Government Servant who is the superior officer of Smt. Thota Venkateswaramma, Hostel Welfare Officer, Government Social Welfare Girls Hostel, Gandepalli Village, Kanchikacherla Mandal, Krishna District failed to control the irregularities committed by Smt. Thota Venkateswaramma, Hostel Welfare Officer. Despite being a supervisory officer of the Hostel, he failed to take all possible steps to ensure the proper maintenance of the Hostel by the Hostel Welfare Officer and he failed to supervise his subordinate who was working under his control and thereby violated rule 3 (5) of APCS (Conduct) Rules, 1964.

Thus the Government servant (now retired) by above mentioned acts has exhibited slack supervision, lack of devotion to duty and conduct unbecoming of a Government Servant and thus contravened Rules 3 (1) and 3 (2) & (5) of APCS (Conduct) Rules, 1964 r/w Rule 9 of A.P. Revised Pension Rules, 1980.

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ANNEXURE-II

STATEMENT OF IMPUTATIONS OF MISCONDUCT IN SUPPORT OF THE ARTICLES OF CHARGE FRAMED AGAINST SRI SANGEPU SAMSON S/o LAZARUS, FORMER ASSISTANT SOCIAL WELFARE OFFICER, NANDIGAMA DIVISION, KRISHNA DISTRICT (NOW RETIRED).

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That Sri Sangepu Samson worked as Assistant Social Welfare Officer, Nandigama Division, Krishna District and 16 hostels were under his control. His date of birth is 01.07.1961. He entered into Government service on 19.03.1983 as Grade-II Hostel Welfare Officer. He got promotion as Hostel Welfare Officer Grade-I on 01.02.2008. He was promoted as Assistant Social Welfare Officer and worked in the same capacity from 13.04.2017 to 23.12.2019 (i.e., from date of joining as Assistant Social Welfare Officer, Nandigama Division to date of Surprise Check). He was retired on attaining the age of superannuation on 30.06.2021. Smt. T.Venkateswaramma, Hostel Welfare Officer, Grade-II, Government Social Welfare Hostel, Gandepalli Village, Kanchikacharla Mandal, Krishna District is also in his control. He is here-in-after referred as Government Servant-1 and he is here-in-after referred as Retired Government Servant.

On credible information that, the Hostel Welfare Officer and staff of the Hostel Welfare Officer, Government Social Welfare Girls Hostel, Gandepalli Village, Kanchikacherla Mandal, Krishna District are misappropriating the government funds by misusing the provisions of the hostel which have to be served to the boarders of the hostel. A surprise check was conducted on the said the Hostel on 23.12.2019 from 06.30 to 11.30 hrs in the presence of mediators.

On 23.12.2019 at 05.00 hours the Inspector-2, Anti-Corruption Bureau Vijayawada Range, Vijayawada secured the presence of the Mediators 1) Sri Gugulothu Lakapathi S/o Paparao, 32 Years, Horticulture Officer, Kankipadu, Krishna District O/o Asst. Director of Horticulture, Near Durga Mahal, Patamata, Vijayawada, 2) Sri Bhupathi Koteswara Rao S/o Bhupathi Lakshmaiah, 35 Years, Junior Assistant O/o Assistant Director of Horticulture, Near Durga Mahal, Patamata, Vijayawada R/o Door No.41-18-39, Tirumala Rao Street, Krishnalanka, Vijayawada and other ACB staff left the ACB Office, Vijayawada at 05.30 hours in two hired vehicles as per the instructions of DSP, ACB, Vijayawada and reached the vicinity of the said office at 06.20 hours. The Surprise Check was conducted on the said Hostel on 23.12.2019 at 06.30 in the presence of the mediators. The following irregularities are found in Surprise Check.

Article of Charge: -

That the Government Servant who is the superior officer of Smt. Thota Venkateswaramma, Hostel Welfare Officer, Government Social Welfare Girls Hostel, Gandepalli Village, Kanchikacherla Mandal, Krishna District failed to control the irregularities committed by Smt. Thota Venkateswaramma, Hostel Welfare Officer. Despite being a Supervisory Officer of the Hostel, he failed to take all possible steps to ensure the proper maintenance of the Hostel by the Hostel Welfare Officer and he failed to supervise his subordinate who was working under his control and there by violated rule 3 (5) of APCS (Conduct) Rules, 1964.

Facts and Evidence: -

On credible information, a surprise check was conducted on Government Social Welfare Girls Hostel, Gandepalli Village, Kanchikacherla Mandal, Krishna District on 23.12.2019 from 06.30 hours and 11.30 hours in the presence of mediators. When the Inspector, ACB in the presence of mediators, checked the said hostel physically, recorded the statements of the boarders, staff of the hostel, milk supplier and perusal the registers which were being maintained by the Government Servant-1, the following irregularities were committed by Smt. Thota Venkateswaramma.

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1) **Inflated the attendance of 7-Boarders:-** Smt. Thota Venkateswaramma inflated attendance for seven (7) boarders. When the number of boarders found on physical verification on the day of surprise check was compared with the entries in the boarders attendance register, it was mentioned as 82 but 74 boarders were found to be present on physical verification.

2) **Insisted the Boarders to attend the house hold chores :-** All the boarders who were examined complained that Smt. Thota Venkateswaramma has been insisting that they should cut vegetables and clean the hostel premises. Accordingly, they have been doing the above mentioned works.

3) **Failed to maintain mandatory Registers:-** Smt. Thota Venkateswaramma has not been maintaining the following registers: i) Students Grievance Register, ii) Superior Officer's Visiting Register, iii) Boarders Movement register and iv) Mess committee Register.

4) **Failed to arrange sufficient food and milk:-** Smt. Thota Venkateswaramma had served eggs to the boarders 4 times in a week instead of 6 times in a week as prescribed. All the boarders who were examined also complained that she was serving insufficient milk to the boarders.

5) **Not maintained the provisions properly:-** Smt. Thota Venkateswaramma did not maintain the record of the issue of provisions on day to day basis and entries pertaining to a number of items were not updated for many days. When the provisions stock and issue register was physically verified, it was found that the stocks available in the store did not tally with the stocks mentioned in the provisions stock and issue register. On physical verification of stocks, huge variations were noticed in the stocks. For example, it was found that Smt. Thota Venkateswaramma was purchasing and serving, only five liters of milk per day but she was showing in the Stock Register that seven liters of milk was being purchased per day. When the Government Servant was asked about the irregular maintenance of Stock register and the variations in the quantities of provisions found in the stock room, the Government Servant-1 has not given any reasonable explanation. However, some items were found to be in excess whereas some other items were found to be in shortage. Hence, no recovery is recommended from her in this regard as there was both shortage and excess of items Nevertheless, it clearly showed that the HWO was not maintaining the provisions properly.

6) **Failed to take steps for proper maintenance:-** The Medical Officer has not been visiting the hostel since 03.08.2019 till the date of Surprise check, i.e., till 23.12.2019.

7) **Other Irregularities:-** Smt. Thota Venkateswaramma allowed 44 boarders outside the hostel without permission letters/leave letters either from the boarders or from their parents.

When Smt. Thota Venkateswaramma was asked about the variations in stock, non-updating of the Hostel Registers and non-maintenance of records, non-serving of food as per menu, allowing boarders outside without permission and inflating attendance of boarders, she maintained her silence. All the above mentioned findings proved that Smt. Thota Venkateswaramma failed to maintain absolute integrity and devotion to duty and she has shown conduct unbecoming of a Government Servant.

The Retired Government Servant Sangepu Samson, Assistant Social Welfare Officer inspected the above hostel every month i.e., from June, 2019 to December 2019. But he did not notice that the boarders were being allowed outside everyday in the evening by Smt. Thota Venkateswaramma, Hostel Welfare Officer.

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Vide letter in Rc.No. C1/54/2020, dated:07.02.2020 of Smt. K.Saraswathi, B.A., B.Ed., Deputy Director of Social Welfare, Krishna, Machilipatnam regarding the Job chart of Assistant Social Welfare Officer shall thoroughly inspect the hostel in his jurisdiction at least once in a month without fail as per the instruction given from time to time and to take all possible steps to ensure the proper maintenance of the hostel.

The Retired Government Servant who is the superior officer of Govt. Servant-1 failed to control the irregularities committed by Smt. Thota Venkateswaramma. Despite being a supervisory officer of the Hostel, he failed to take all possible steps to ensure the proper maintenance of the Hostel by the Smt. T.Venkateswaramma, Hostel Welfare Officer and supervise his subordinate who was working his control and thereby violated Rule 3 (5) of APCS (Conduct) Rules, 1964.

Thus, the Retired Government servant by the above mentioned acts has exhibited slack supervision, lack of devotion to duty and conduct unbecoming of a Government Servant and thus violated Rules 3 (1) and 3 (2) & (5) of APCS (Conduct) Rules, 1964 r/w Rule 9 of A.P.Revised Pension Rules, 1980.

Thus the retired Government Servant Sri Sangepu Samson rendered himself liable for departmental action for major penalty.

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ANNEXURE-III

LIST OF DOCUMENTS BY WHICH ARTICLES OF CHARGE FRAMED AGAINST SRI SANGEPU SAMSON S/o LAZARUS, FORMER ASSISTANT SOCIAL WELFARE OFFICER, NANDIGAMA DIVISION, KRISHNA DISTRICT (NOW RETIRED).

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1) Mediators Report dated: 23.12.2019 drafted at Government Social Welfare Girls Hostel, Gandepalli Village, Karichikacherla Mandal, Krishna District.
2) Reply Letter in Rc.No.C1/54/2020, dated: 07.02.2020 of Smt. K.Saraswathi, B.A., B.Ed., Deputy Director of Social Welfare, Krishna, Machilipatnam regarding the Job chart of Assistant Social Welfare Officer shall thoroughly inspect the hostel in his jurisdiction at least once in a month without fail as per the instruction given from time to time and to take all possible steps to ensure the proper maintenance of the hostel.
3) Statement of Kum. Kanakaraju Jyothi D/o Suresh, 10 years, C/SC-Madiga, 3rd Class, Govt. SW Girls Hostel, Gandepalli Village R/o Patimpadu Village, Chandarlapadu Mandal, Krishna District. (Boarder)
4) Statement of Kum. Mutukuri Thrisha D/o Mark, 10 years, C/SC-Madiga, 4th Class, Govt. SW Girls Hostel, Gandepalli Village R/o ambaru Pet Village, Nadigama Mandal, Krishna District. (Boarder)
5) Statement of Kum. Markapudi Mythri D/o Koteswara Rao, 10 years, C/SC Madiga, 5th Class, Govt. SW Girls Hostel, Gandepalli Village R/o Takkellapdu Village, Nandigama Village, Krishna District. (Boarder)
6) Statement of Kum. Papatla Ahalya D/o Balakoti 12 years, C/SC-Madiga, 6th Class, Govt. SW Girls Hostel, Gandepalli Village R/o Thotacherla Village, Penuganchiprolu Mandal, Krishna District. (Boarder)
7) Statement of Kum. Garapati Akshaya D/o Raja, 12 years, C/SC-Mala 7th Class, Govt. SW Girls Hostel, Gandepalli Village R/o Vairali Annavaram Village, Veerulapadu Mandal, Krishna District. (Boarder)
8) Statement of Kum. Muppalla Mahi D/o Malliah, 13 years, C/SC-Madiga, 8th Class, Govt. SW Girls Hostel, Gandepalli Village R/o Kothapeta, Kanchikacherla Mandal, Krishna District. (Boarder)
9) Statement of Kum. Velpula Bhumika D/o Swamy, 14 years; C/SC-Madiga, 9th Class, Govt. SW Girls Hostel, Gandepalli Village R/o Takkellapadu Village Nandigama Mandal, Krishna District. (Boarder)
10) Statement of Smt. Ramu Jyothi Kumari W/o Ananda Prasad, 42 Years, Cook, Govt. Social Welfare Girls Hostel, Gandepalli, Kanchikacherla, Krishna District R/o Door No.5-41, Bodada Road, Gandepalli Village, Kanchikacherla Mandal, Krishna District. (Hostel Employee)
11) Statement of Smt. Bandi Jayalakshmi W/o Kurivella Jaya Raju, 47 Years, Kamati Govt. social Welfare Girls Hostel, Gandepalli, Village, Kanchikacherla Mandal R/o Gandepalli Village Opposite to Govt. SW Girls Hostel, Gandepalli Village. (Hostel Employee)
12) Statement of Smt. Talamala Mariyamma W/o Anthony 60 Years, Night watch woman, Govt. SW Girls Hostel, Gandepalli Village, Kanchikacherla Mandal, Krishna District R/o Opp:CSI Churuch, Gandepalli Village, Kanchikacherla Mandal, Krishna District. (Hostel Employee)
13) Statement of Sri Bokka Sudhakar S/o Bokka Eliah, 38 years, Kirana shop, main road, Gandepalli Village, Kanchikacherla Mandal, Krishna District R/o door No.5-2, Gandepalli Village. (Owner of Kirana shop who supplied the milk packets)
14) Attested Xerox Students Attendance Register 2019-2020.
15) Attested Xerox Staff Attendance Register 20 19-2020.
16) Attested Xerox Provisions Stock and issue Register 20 19-2020.
17) Attested Xerox Daily Purchase Register.
18) Attested Xerox Item wise distribution Register to Boarders.
19) Attested Xerox Staff movement Register.
20) Attested Xerox Medical checkup register:

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21) Attested Xerox Admission Register; 20 19-2020.
22) Attested Xerox Advisory Committee Register.
23) Attested Xerox Parents meeting register:
24) Attested Xerox Students Movement Register.
25) Attested Xerox Superior Officer's Inspection Register of Govt. Social Welfare Girls Hostel, Gandepalli Village, Kanchikacherla Mandal, Krishna District.

If any documents found to be relevant will be furnished during the enquiry.

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ANNEXURE -IV

LIST OF WITNESSES BY WHICH ARTICLES OF CHARGE FRAMED AGAINST SRI SANGEPU SAMSON S/o LAZARUS, FORMER ASSISTANT SOCIAL WELFARE OFFICER, NANDIGAMA DIVISION, KRISHNA DISTRICT (NOW RETIRED).

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Sl. No.	Name and address of witness	Gist of the statement
01	Kum. Kanakaraju Jyothi D/o Suresh, 10 years, C/SC-Madiga, 3rd Class, Govt. SW Girls Hostel, Gandepalli Village R/o Patimpadu Village, Chandarlapadu Mandal, Krishna District. (Boarder)	To speaks about the given insufficient Milk and eggs were being served Four times in a week. Further she stated that the HWO insisting them to cut vegetables and cleaning the premises and accordingly they are doing the above works and etc facts.
02.	Kum. Mutukuri Thrisha D/o Mark, 10 years, C/SC-Madiga, 4th Class, Govt. SW Girls Hostel, Gandepalli Village R/o Ambaru Pet Village, Nadigama Mandal, Krishna District. (Boarder).	-do-
03.	Kum. Markapudi Mythri D/o Koteswara Rao, 10 years, C/SC-Madiga, 5th Class, Govt. SW Girls Hostel, Gandepalli Village R/o Takkellapdu Village, Nandigama , Krishna District. (Boarder).	-do-
04.	Kum. Papatla Ahalya D/o Balakoti 12 years, C/SC-Madiga, 6th Class, Govt. SW Girls Hostel, Gandepalli Village R/o Thotacherla Village, Penuganchiprolu Mandal, Krishna District. (Boarder)	-do-
05.	Kum. Garapati Akshaya D/o Raja, 12 years, C/SC-Mala 7th Class, Govt. SW Girls Hostel, Gandepalli Village R/o Vairali Annavaram Village, Veerulapadu Mandal, Krishna District. (Boarder)	-do-
06.	Kum. Muppalla Mahi D/o Malliah, 13 years, C/SC-Madiga, 8th Class, Govt. SW Girls Hostel, Gandepalli Village R/o Kothapeta, Kanchikacherla Mandal, Krishna District. (Boarder)	-do-
07.	Kum. Velpula Bhumika D/o Swamy, 14 years, C/SC-Madiga, 9th Class, Govt. SW Girls Hostel, Gandepalli Village R/o Takkellapadu Village Nandigama Mandal, Krishna District. (Boarder).	-do-
08.	Smt. Ramu Jyothi Kumari W/o Ananda Prasad, 42 Years, Cook, Govt. Social Welfare Girls Hostel, Gandepalli, Karichikacherla, Krishna District R/o Door No.5-41, Bodada Road, Gandepalli Village, Kanchikacherla Mandal, Krishna District. (Hostel Employee).	To speaks about the Govt. Servant gives Eggs Four times in week and etc facts.
09.	Smt. Bandi Jayalakshmi W/o Kurivella Jaya Raju, 47 Years, Kamati Govt. social Welfare Girls Hostel, Gandepalli, Village, Kanchikacherla Mandal R/o Gandepalli Village Opposite to Govt. SW Girls Hostel, Gandepalli Village. (Hostel Employee).	-do-

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10.	Smt. Talamala Mariyamma W/o Anthony 60 Years, Night watch woman, Govt. SW Girls Hostel, Gandepalli Village, Kanchikacherla Mandal, Krishna District R/o Opp:CSI Church, Gandepalli Village, Kanchikacherla Mandal, Krishna District. (Hostel Employee).	**-do-**
11.	Sri Bokka Sudhakar S/o Bokka Eliah, 38 years, Kirana shop, main road, Gandepalli Village, Kanchikacherla Mandal, Krishna District R/o door No.5-2, Gandepalli Village (Milk Supplier)	To speaks about the he has been serving Milk to Govt. Social Welfare Girls Hostel, Gandepalli since 1st November, 2019, supplies 5 liters of Milk every day to the Hostel @ 54/- per liter and the HWO Smt. Venkateswaramma paid amount of Rs.8,500/- for the month of November, 2019 and etc., facts.
12.	Sri P.S.A.Prasad, M.A., L.L.M., Joint Director of Social Welfare, Krishna, Machilipatnam.	To speaks about the given Service particulars of the Govt. Servant, Job chart of the HWO, Diet charge of boarders etc facts.
13.	Sri Gugulothu Lakapathi S/o Paparao, 32 Years, Horticulture Officer, Kankipadu, Krishna District O/o Asst. Director of Horticulture, Near Durga Mahal, Patamata, Vijayawada **(Mediator-I).**	He is one of the Mediators and speaks about mediators' presence during the surprise check acting as mediators, drafting mediators report, seized concerned registers and etc., facts.
14.	Sri Bhupathi Koteswara Rao S/o Bhupathi Lakshmaiah, 35 Years, Jr. assistant O/o Asst. Director of Horticulture, Near Durga Mahal, Patamata, Vijayawada R/o Door No.41-18-39, Tirumala Rao Street, Krishnalanka, Vijayawada **(Mediator-II)**	He is one of the Mediators and speaks about mediators' presence during the surprise check acting as mediators, drafting mediators report, seized concerned registers and etc., facts.
15.	Sri K.Venkateswarlu, The then Inspector of Police, A.C.B, Vijayawada Range, Vijayawada:	He speaks about the conducting of surprise check in presence of Mediators, seized concerned registers. Submission of his detailed report and etc., facts
16.	Sri A.V.Siva Kumar, Inspector-II, A.C.B., Vijayawada Range, Vijayawada	He speaks about the preparation of DACs and etc., facts.

If any witness found to be relevant will be produced during the enquiry.

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